

UN PEACEKEEPING

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on United Nations Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4548, amended, Agricultural Opportunities Act; H.R. 604, amended, to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization; H.R. 5136, to make permanent the authority of the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to provide security beyond the Supreme Court building and grounds; H.R. 4827, amended, Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000; H.R. 3484, Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act of 1999; H.R. 3312, amended, Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1999; H.R. 1924, amended, Federal Agency Compliance Act; and H.R. 1293, Transportation Employee Fair Taxation Act of 1999.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 5018, Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 2000.

Will continue September 26.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 1653, amended, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1999; S. 1936, amended, Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 2570, Lincoln Highway Study Act of 1999; H.R. 2710, amended, National Law Enforcement Museum Act; H.R. 2941, amended, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 3118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants; H.R. 4126, Palace of the Governors Expansion Act; H.R. 4187, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles; H.R. 4503, amended, Historically Women's Public Colleges or Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; H.R. 4721, amended, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States; H.R. 4828, amended, Steens Mountain Wilderness Act of 2000; H.R. 4835, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the

George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia; H.R. 4904, amended, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians; H.R. 5036, Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Amendments Act of 2000; and H.R. 5130, amended, CALFED Extension Act of 2000.

CONFERENCE REPORT—SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4919, Security Assistance Act of 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman.

LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT—CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 940, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 1999. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. Testimony was heard from Representative Sherwood.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 5109, Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 2000. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and against its consideration. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, which shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Stump.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D853)

H.R. 4040, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to

Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of such title. Signed September 19, 2000. (P.L. 106-265)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging, with the Committee on Small Business, to hold joint hearings to examine issues relating to pension benefit guaranty corporation delivery for retirees, 8 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on S. 2709, to establish a Beef Industry Compensation Trust Fund with the duties imposed on products of countries that fail to comply with certain WTO dispute resolution decisions, 3 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on the recruiting initiatives of the Department of Defense and the military services and to receive an update on the status of recruiting and retention goals, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on global warming issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 2933, to amend provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 relating to remedial action of uranium and thorium processing sites, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the EPA's proposed regulations for diesel fuel, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the renewal of distressed communities, to provide for 9 additional empowerment zones and increased tax incentives for empowerment zone development, to encourage investments in new markets, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings on certain anti-corruption efforts relating to African economic development, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine Iranian proliferation, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting to consider S. 1898, to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners; H.R. 2372, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution; S. 1020, to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts; S. Res. 304, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the presentation of such educational programs; S. 2448, to enhance the protections of the Internet and the critical infrastructure of the United States; H.R. 2442, to provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President; S. 2915, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts; S. 785, for the relief of Frances Schochenmaier; S. 2778, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; and S. 1314, to establish a grant program to assist State and local law enforcement in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting computer crimes, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business, with the Special Committee on Aging, to hold joint hearings to examine issues relating to pension benefit guaranty corporation delivery for retirees, 8 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Defense chemical agents and munitions destruction program, 9 a.m.; and a hearing on the status of military procurement, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Credit Score Disclosure, focusing on H.R. 2856, Fair Credit Full Disclosure Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue joint hearings on the recent Firestone tire recall action, focusing on the action as it pertains to relevant Ford vehicles, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.